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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)TOPIC Military Information from the Altengrabow Troop Training GroundsEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 23 May to 12 June 1952

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1. The following military shipments were observed departing from the Altengrabow (H 53/Z 00) railroad station during the period from 24 May to 12 June 1952:

At 7 p.m. on 24 May. Forty-three flatcars with sideracks carrying one truck each, and bound for Brest Litovsk.

26 May. A train of 15 boxcars and 25 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns.

27 May. A train of 15 boxcars and 30 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and numerous trucks, including

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At 8 p.m. on 27 May. A train of 15 boxcars and 25 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 12 x 122-mm artillery pieces with prime movers and trucks

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At 10 p.m. on 27 May. A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and

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At 10 a.m. on 28 May. A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks, including

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At 2 p.m. on 28 May. A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

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On 30 May. A train carrying 14 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks.

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On 31 May, A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

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A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

A train carrying 19 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks, including

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A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

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7 June. A train carrying 2 rocket launchers.

10 June. A train carrying 6 rocket launchers, which had arrived from Glauchau (N 51/K 35) on 7 June. \*

2. The following military shipments were observed arriving at the Altengrabow railroad station during the period from 5 to 12 June:

5 June. A train of 20 flatcars with sideracks and 25 boxcars, carrying 20 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks,

and

A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

6 June. A train carrying 16 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks, including

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A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks,

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7 June. A train carrying 6 rocket launchers, coming from Glauchau. A train carrying 48 new trucks.

8 June. A train of 3 boxcars and 25 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 10 heavy machine guns, construction material and trucks

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10 June. A train of 3 boxcars, and 6 flatcars with sideracks, each carrying a caterpillar tractor.

12 June. A train, including 1 boxcar, and carrying 2 SP guns, trucks

A train carrying 12 x 76-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of trucks

On 12 June, an artillery unit with 4 guns and caterpillar tractors

arrived at the troop training grounds by road on 12 June.

3. At about 3:30 a.m. on 23 May, a column of trucks each carrying 13 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets armed with hand arms arrived in Grossbluebars, coming from the direction of Altengrabow and

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proceeding toward Hohenloebese. Another column of four trucks, [REDACTED] each carrying 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets armed with small arms, and each towing a 122-mm field howitzer followed a short time later.

4. On 23 May, between 50 and 60 trucks parked in the open in the eastern section of the filling station of the ammunition depot.

5. On 23 May, about 100 soldiers were seen engaged in piece drill on 12 x 100-mm AT guns. About 100 more men stood in a semicircle and observed.

6. At 10:30 a.m. on 23 May, eight [REDACTED] caterpillar tractors, each towing a 122-mm field howitzer left the gun parking area and went toward Doernitz. [REDACTED] 14 more guns in open sheds. About 100 trucks, arranged in several rows, were seen in the southwest section of the parking place.

7. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were seen at the Nordlager on 23 May. Residents stated that the quarters were occupied to capacity. Trucks [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stood at the entrance of the Nordlager. At about noon, eight trucks, including [REDACTED] came from the direction of Grossbluebars to the Nordlager. Each one was occupied by 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and each towed a 85-mm AT gun. Additional motor vehicle [REDACTED] driving to, and from, the quarters in the northwest section of the Altengrabow troop training grounds [REDACTED]

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\* Comment. Units which left Altengrabow during the period from 27 May to 10 June included:

On 27 May. Presumably two shipments of the AAA units of the 9th Gds Tank Div, probably of the 121st (?) AAA Regt to Heustrelitz. The shipment of 122-mm AA guns cannot be accounted for in spite of the fact that [REDACTED]

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On 28 May. Components of the 31st AAA Div, probably to Boetzow-Schoenwalde.

On 30 May. AAA units of the 19th Gds Hecz Div, probably of the 2503d Gds AAA Regt (US).

On 31 May. AAA units of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div, probably of the 932d AAA Bn (US), presumably to Lindel.

The departure in four shipments of the last mentioned unit including a total of 55 AA guns is improbable, especially as only one shipment of this unit was detained in Altengrabow in late April 1958

\*\* Comment. Elements transferred to Altengrabow during the period from 5 to 12 June included:

On 5 June. Components of the 13th AAA Div and AAA units of the 7th Gds Tank Div, probably of the 287th Gds AAA Regt.

On 6 June. AAA units of the 2504th Gds AAA Regt (US) of the 20th Gds Hecz Div.

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On 12 June, Two SP guns of the 21st Gds Recz Div and an AAA unit of the 19th Gds Recz Div.

Available information indicates that all shipments [REDACTED] were reported previously. Two shipments of rocket launchers, one from [REDACTED] and one to Glauchau conflict with previous information on Glauchau, as only the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army is carried there. It is believed that although details concerning number of guns, calibers, destinations [REDACTED] do not agree with available information, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in Altenradow on 21 May included: components of the 6th Arty Div, including, according to arms observed, components of the 13th Hvy Arty Brig (US); the 34th Arty Div (US); the 2d Gds AAA Div; the Army AT Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army from Brandenburg; the 44th (?) Army Arty Brig; and the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. The [REDACTED] at the Nordlager belong to the 6th Arty Div, the Army AT Arty Brig of the Third Shock Army and the corps artillery brigade of the XXXIV Pz Rifle Corps.

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